

Central Falls School District Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2014 at 6 PM
Ella Risk Conference Room, Lower Level

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call- Chairperson Ana Cano Morales called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM. Present were Stephanie Gonzalez, Ana-Cecilia Rosado, Hugo Figueroa, Diosa Martinez and Sonia Grace.
- II. Pledge – The pledge was led by Ms. Stephanie Racine
- III. Approval of the meeting minutes - A motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 25, 2014, was made by Ms. Gonzalez, seconded by Ms. Grace. The vote was called. Motion carried. (4,0,2 abstaining due to prior absence)
- IV. Approval of personnel actions including any new appointments, rescissions, resignations, recalls, and retirements – Appointments: Jazmin Encarnacion, Elisangela Varela, Deedino Ramos, Justina Barlow, Shena Trembly.
Retirement: Nancy Aissis
- V. Approval of Bills – Grants and General Budget and Facility Improvements – A motion to approve the payment of bills was made by Ms. Rosado, seconded by Mr. Figueroa. Motion carried. (6,0)
- VI. Public Comment – None
- VII. NEED Project presentation was made by students and Ms. Racine. The students led an energy bingo they created, stumping the Trustees along the way and impressing all with their detailed knowledge of energy saving activities that would greatly shrink our energy footprint. The team shared their experiences from last year's Washington DC trip to the NEED Conference and spoke of their efforts currently to earn a spot on this year's team planning to attend the conference. They concluded by inviting all to the January 31st conference hosted by Ms. Racine and her class at Calcutt Middle School.
- VIII. Calcutt Middle School Reform Plan Presentation – Principal Heather Dos Santos and Assistant Principal Meghan Baker led a review of the elements and components of the Calcutt SRP using a detailed data filled Power Point assembly of slides. See the attached. The Trustees interjected questions and were most interested in the strategies to promote student achievement, the work involved in the collection of the data on adult behaviors, and the impact of the variety of strategies on fostering positive student behaviors.
- IX. First Reading of the 1:1 Chromebook Policy- Mr. St. Jean presented the draft document to the Trustees explaining how the process has taken into account teachers and student suggestions and noted that the document has also been shared with the ACLU so as to avoid any negative repercussions

after adoption of the policy and procedures. The board was intrigued by the rollout information and enthusiastically applauded the efforts and strides made by Mr. St. Jean with all the technology planning and details.

- X. First Reading of the Student Activity Funds Policy – Ms. Baker brought the document to the table for discussion reiterating the need for safeguards and proper internal controls so as to ensure the proper auditing and use of student funds.
- XI. Superintendent Comments- Dr. Gallo informed the Trustees of a visit by Steve Osborne from RIDE. She stated that as the State transformation Officer it was wonderful to see Mr. Osborne sharing time with students, teachers, and administrators across the district. Dr. Gallo stated that she felt very proud of the schools as Mr. Osborne visited four schools, attended workshops, spoke with the children and offered encouragement to continue our transformation efforts.
Dr. Gallo also reported that her visit to Taco, Inc. was most delightful. Along with Mayor Diosa, she met with John Hazen White, CEO informing him of the Innovation Lab and the efforts to create a Teaching, Learning, and Research Center at 115 Illinois Street. Dr. Gallo was happy to report that Mr. White was very enthusiastic and expects to visit our schools in early February as he decides how he will support the project.
- XII. Board Comment –Ms. Grace informed the Trustees of a fire suffered at 115 Illinois Street on December 7th; the City’s firefighters contained the blaze swiftly. The City’s insurance will now support our renovations working with the architect to determine how best to do so. Chairwoman Cano Morales requested who might be the best contact for joining in a panel presentation about restorative practices at Roger Williams University. A discussion took place regarding the work at the high school and at Calcutt.
- XIII. A motion to convene in executive session under R.I. General Laws 42-46-5(a)(2), to discuss certain matters that are the subject of *collective bargaining* and litigation, and to conduct work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining and litigation (negotiation) was made by Ms. Rosado seconded by Ms. Gonzalez. A roll call vote was taken. All agreed.
- XIV. A motion to come out of executive session and seal the minutes was made by Ms. Grace, seconded by Mr. Figueroa. A roll call vote was taken. All agreed.
- XV. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: January 13, 2015 at 6 PM at the Ella Risk School. Topics: The Ella Risk SRP and Technology review.
- XVI. Adjournment- A motion to adjourn was made at 8:30 PM by Ms. Martinez, seconded by Mr. Figueroa.

